GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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NATURAL DISASTER MANAGEMENT UNITS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are considering to strengthen the units set up in the country for natural calamity disaster management;

(b) if so, the details of the work undertaken so far for strengthening of natural disaster management units, State-wise;

(c) whether any proposal has been received from the Government of Madhya Pradesh to recognise the Bhopal disaster Management Institute; and

(d) if so, the details and the action taken so far in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

(a): The Disaster Management Act, 2005, enacted on 23rd December,2005, inter-alia provides for setting up of Disaster Management Authorities at National, State and District levels; constitution of National Institute of disaster Management and National Disaster Response Force.

(b): The National Disaster Management Authority was constituted by an executive order and started functioning from 28th September, 2005. The National Institute of Disaster Management is engaged in training, research and documentation. The Institute, inter alia, provides technical assistance to the disaster management faculties in the State level training institutes by developing training modules and for imparting training to the functionaries at State and district level. The National Disaster Response Force is being established by training and equipping eight battalions of Central Para Military forces for the purpose of specialist response to a threatening disaster situation or disaster. The State Governments have also been advised to develop their Specialist Response Teams. They are allowed to utilize upto 10% of the annual allocation to the Calamity Relief Fund for purchase of search and rescue and communication equipment. Disaster Management faculties are being financially supported by this Ministry in 29 State Level training institutes located in 28 States. The State Training Institutes take up focused training programmes for different target groups within the State.

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(c)& (d): Disaster Management Institute, Bhopal already stands designated by the State Government as the nodal institute for capacity building and training in the field of disaster management. Government of India is providing financial assistance for operation of the disaster management faculty to this institute subject to a ceiling of Rs. 15 lakh per year at present, as per the guidelines adopted for such assistance to States. In addition, Disaster Management Institute, Bhopal has been designated as one of the Regional Training Institutes for imparting training related to Incident Command System.